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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall convey the suggestion to my hon. Colleague in charge of Co-operation."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that the delay in the reorganization of societies is due to the fact that they are under the management of the Civil Supplies Department and that the Government do not give the amount due to them, which is a considerable amount and therefore the present position continues? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Retrenchment of staff due to abolition of food control.

* 280 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many employees have been retrenched in the Madras Secretariat and also in the mufassal on account of the abolition of food control and the Civil Supplies Department;

(*b*) the approximate period of service put in by them;

(*c*) whether the Government have any scheme to absorb the retrenched personnel; and

(*d*) how many have so far been re-employed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Civil Supplies Department has not been totally abolished as presumed by the Member. Up to the end of September 1954, 114 employees were reverted to their parent departments and 215 persons were discharged from service from the Civil Supplies Department following the decontrol of rice. There has been no retrenchment in the Agriculture Department of the Secretariat.

" (*b*) From one month to nine years.

" (*c*) The question of absorbing the temporary employees of the Civil Supplies Department following the abolition of that Department, was considered by the Government as early as 1952 and for that purpose two competitive examinations were conducted by the Madras Public Service Commission in February and June 1952. Such of the candidates who came out successful in the examinations were allotted to regular Departments without prejudice to their continuance in the Civil Supplies Department so that they might revert to those Departments when their services were no longer required in the Civil Supplies Department. There is no other scheme before the Government at present.

" (*d*) Out of those discharged from service up to the 30th September 1954, 64 employees have so far been re-employed. The rest of the retrenched persons have been asked to register their names with the Employment Exchange."